



*13th Sunday
after Pentecost*

*South Aiken Presbyterian Church, dedicated to Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, will deliberately foster an **inclusive, intergenerational congregation**. We will extend **revolutionary, Christ-Like hospitality** to everyone we encounter, embrace **diverse styles of worship**, and utilize a **tech-based relational outreach**.*

South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Rd.
Aiken, SC 29803

Welcome!

Welcome to God-Encountered worship at South Aiken Presbyterian Church! We are thankful that you have been called to worship with us this morning. We believe all people are children of God. We believe that the redeeming grace of God can transform our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe all people are loved with a love that has no end in Jesus Christ.

Today, may you encounter Jesus Christ through Spirit-inspired worship including dynamic preaching, specific prayers, and beautiful music. May the blessings of the triune God give you joy and hope that can only come from God with us. Let us worship God!

Please Note: *God may be calling you, but probably not on your cell phone! Please turn off or silence your devices during worship. We also ask for your support in keeping the aisle open; kindly place any walkers in the pew to keep walkways clear.*

Also, all SAPC services are filmed for release on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be filmed during services, or to learn more about our videography, please contact media@southaiken.org.

Upcoming for Next Sunday

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to Elect Officers

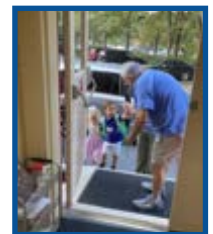
August 25th

immediately following the Sunday Service

See page 10 for list of officers.

**Trinity Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, August 24th
Worship to begin at 9:30am**

Caption of the First Day of School



Child Care & Sunday School is Available

There is a Nursery for infants - 3yrs/toddlers available during the weekly service with Cissy Kelly. Just bring your child to the Nursery Room in the SAPC School.

Children are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School which is held after the Children's moment. *It is not mandatory for the children to sit up front for the Children's Moment to be welcome in Sunday School.*



August 18, 2024

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10:00 am

(Please stand, if able, when indicated by an *)

Prelude

“Count Your Blessings”
Olga Kuzmenkova, Pianist

Robertson

Welcome and Announcements

Shirley Colburn (Pulpit Assistant, PA)

The Chiming (*Handbell is rung three times, for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*)

Introit

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”
Lyn VanDervort, Guest Director
Jeremy Woodruff, Percussion

Morgan

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 111: 1-4*)(*Read responsively*):

One: Praise the Lord! We thank the Lord with all our hearts in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.

All: The works of the Lord are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them.

One: God’s deeds are majestic and glorious. God’s righteousness stands forever.

All: God is famous for God’s wondrous works. The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

***Hymn #401**

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

Prayer of Confession (Together): Compassionate God, we confess that our culture has influenced our thinking and our living in selfish ways. Sometimes we miss how you are in the culture that keeps evolving in and around us. Help us navigate our culture with your principles and Christ’s perspective.

(in silence confess personal sins to God)

PA: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively):

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

ALL: Only Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ rules in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life is gone, and the new life has begun.

One: Know we are forgiven and be at peace.

One: As we hear the water poured into the baptismal font, remember that God through Christ forgives you and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through faith, let us walk by the Spirit of the Living God.

The Font (*pour water into the baptismal font*)

Responsive Music

“His Name Is Jesus”

Wickham

CCLI# 2894093

Jackie Scherman, Ukulele

Ross Fanning, Bass Ukulele

***Passing the Peace** (*Responsively*):

PA: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with

ALL: And also with you. (*share fist bumps, high fives, hugs, and other signs of forgiveness and peace to each other.*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Moment

Kim Goetter

(Children are invited to come to the stage steps for a small lesson, then walk together to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall.)

Anthem

“Draw Me Close”

Carpenter

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, NRSVUE*):

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 29: 4-7** (*page 822 of the Old Testament*)

Epistle Reading: **1 Corinthians 9:19-23** (*page 822 of the Old Testament*)

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 22: 34-40; Mark 7: 1-13** (*page 111 of the New Testament*)
(fill-in the blanks on page 7)

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Navigating Culture with Christ: Christ of Culture”

Rev. Jason Hammersley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Responsive Hymn #543 *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” (stanzas 1-2. 4-5)*

*Affirmation of Faith *(Together)*:

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayer of Intercession *(prayers for the Church, the world, the nation, the community and our loved ones.)*

Minute for Mission: Family Promise

Mary Bunch

Offering of Gifts

Offertory

***“Honey In The Rock”*
Sarah Lookabill Scott, Soloist**

Ligertwood

Doxology: Hymn #606 *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving *(with the Lord’s Prayer)*:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn #526**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude Hymn #743**

“O God, You Are My God”

**Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk your ways.
And step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

Sermon Scripture Activity (NRSVUE):

As the Scripture is read (*Matthew 22: 34-40; Mark 7: 1-13*) fill in the blank with the word(s) you hear.

Matthew 22: 34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had _____ the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the _____, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the _____?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your _____.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the _____ and the Prophets.”

Mark 7: 1-13

The Tradition of the Elders

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with _____ hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, ^[a] thus observing the tradition of the _____, ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, ^[b] and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds. ^[c] ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the _____ of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶ He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸ “You _____ the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

⁹ Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of _____ the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever speaks _____ of father or mother must surely _____.’ ¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God ^[d]), ¹² then you no longer _____ doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³ thus nullifying the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

DEMENTIA EDUCATION

Join us for this free, informative event focused on educating and supporting those caring for adults with dementia. Participants will gain a better understanding of the differences between normal aging memory loss and dementia and how to manage the long term services and supports that are needed to promote quality of life.

SPEAKER
Dr. Macie Smith
Licensed Gerontology Social Worker
Alzheimer's/Dementia Educator
Author

28 August 2024
11:30 am
Lunch is included

REGISTER NOW
(By August 23)

First Presbyterian Church
224 Barnwell Ave, NN
(803) 648-2662 to reserve your space!

Trinity on Laurens, First Presbyterian Church, DayBreak

"Save the Date"

September 27-30, 2024
for Fall Church Retreat
to Montreat.

Fun-filled Gathering
with other members!

Contact
families@southaiken.org
if interested in learning more.

SAPC'S
Summer Courtyard
FELLOWSHIP

Wed. Aug 28
at 6:00pm

Bring a chair and a picnic meal for casual worship, featuring contemporary music and a message by Pastor Jason.

Living in Faith Together (LIFT) (Women's Small Group)



Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of the month unless agreed by the group.

The next LIFT meeting will be on **Monday, August 19th (5:30pm) at Case Bella.** We will be going over our project from the Girl's Weekend in July. If you were not able to join us in July, please come anyway as it will be very entertaining!

Let Lynn know if you need childcare.

To join our group on Facebook, scan this QR Code.



August Collection

(Canned Meat, Chicken or Tuna)

ACTS collection baskets are located in the narthex by the church entrance and across from the church office. Monetary donations may be made by placing a check made out to SAPC in the offering plate and noting 'ACTS' on the memo line. *Thank you!*

Online Donations

available on our website, or by scanning this QR code with camera.



Please Note: We can no longer determine who has donated stocks to the church, due to a recent change in laws. However we want to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who has made this type of contribution to SAPC. We are extremely grateful for your donation. If you would like a letter for your taxes, please notify us of your donation and we will be glad to provide it to you.

Has your Address Changed? If so, we kindly ask that you provide us with your updated address and/or phone number so that we can update our Church records. Thank you

Secret Santa T-Shirts Are In!

Find Carina in the Narthex with your t-shirt order, or contact her at secretsantasapc@gmail.com to arrange a pickup time!



Also, we finally have the last of our dates scheduled! Please mark the following volunteer opportunities in your calendar:

- Oct. 26, 8:30-12:30 - Application Day
- Nov. 2, 8:30-12:30 - Application Day
- Nov. 21, 4:30-6:30 - Ollie's Shopping Day
- Dec. 2, 4:30-6:30 - Target Shopping Day
- Dec. 7, 9:00-12:00 - Wrapping Day
- Dec. 9, 4:30-6:30 - Walmart Shopping Day
- Dec. 14, 4:30-6:30 - Wrapping Day
- Dec. 15, 11:00-12:00 - Inventory Day
- Dec. 21, 8:30-12:30 - Distribution Day



Reserve your date by visiting the new "Sanctuary Flowers" web page found under the Worship menu tab, or call the Secretary's office at 803-648-9574.

The Chapter Chat Book Club



"Angels of the Resistance"
by Noell Salazar

**Thursday,
September 5th, at 2 pm.
Meet in the Church
Library**

Contact Maureen Dunn at maureendunn14@bellsouth.net for more

Jesus & Music (JaM)



What is JaM? Children's Choir for South Aiken Presbyterian Church

Where will this be held? South Aiken Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall

When? Sunday Mornings, 9 – 9:20 AM. After dismissal the children will go to the nursery until church. Practice will follow closely to the Aiken County Public School District Calendar.

Next Practice
Next Performance

August 25th
September 22nd



Want to get the digital newsletter of announcements each week?

Email secretary@southaiken.org to join the Spirit Express emailing list!

**Officer Nominating Team
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**to Elect Officers
August 25th
immediately following the Sunday Service**

Officer Nominations

Elders:

Crissy Kuhl
Greg Burkes
Lyn VanDervort
Haley Culp
Shirley Colburn

Deacons:

Robin Enscoe
Bonnie Hayes
Elsie Worpell
Eric Goetter
Robert Glance

Trustee - Edmund Jones

Officer Nominating Team (2025):

Melissa Major, Convening Elder
Linda Tiller, Deacon Member
Debbi Reboul, Member at Large
Lynn Burkes, Member at Large
Barbara Knapp, Member at Large



**Annual Church
ELECTIONS**

Presby Café Small Group

Where?: Pastor Conference Room (PRC)
in the Family Life Center

When? Each Sunday at 9:00am



The church email address is:
secretary@southaiken.org

Prayer Requests

Mitchell Family in season of grief.
Shaw Family in season of grief.
Bean Family in season of grief.
Sutherland Family in season of grief.
Frontroth Family in season of grief.
Snyder Family in season of grief.
Meggs Family (Becky H.'s Uncle) season of grief.
Marilyn H. in season of grief.
Emily L. for season of grief.
Jeff B. (family friend to Sarah S.) for health concerns and in season of grief
Pethick Family in season of grief.
Lewis Family in season of grief.
Edwards Family in season of grief.
Scott Family - in season of grief.

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Doug M (husband of Melissa M) for healing
Judy S. for healing and recovery from surgery
Debbie E. (niece of Linda B.) for comfort and healing.

Beth R. for healing & comfort (Home).

Tim T. (son in law of Cheryl M.) for healing.

Joyce C. - coping with new diagnosis.

Scott M. for comfort.

Myra & Brooke R. (friends of Jimmy B.) for health concerns.

Linda S. (friend of Scott M.) for healing.

Ethel (mother to Steve H.) for comfort.

Samuel M. (Becky H.'s Uncle) for health concerns.

Pat M. (Linda B.'s sister) for health concerns.

Mike G. (brother in-law to Steve K.) - for health concerns.

Kari M. for health concerns.

Mary Louise S. (Mary S.'s granddaughter) for health concerns.

Leslie C. for health concerns.

Doug M. (Linda B.'s nephew) for healing and comfort.

Ray P. (cousin of Sarah Scott) for healing and strength

Lynn S. - for comfort

Dot M. - for comfort

Steve & Linda H. for comfort.

Bob A., for comfort and strength

Lois V. sister of Lyn V., for increased mobility

Peg P. for comfort.

Jayne B. for comfort.

Barbara K. for healing.

Anita & Bob P. for comfort and discernment.

Homebound Members

Email secretary@southaiken.org to change information or removal of name.

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Shirley Colburn

Ushers: Anita Self, Will Self,
Celeste Stennett, Ron Stennett

Sound: Martin McCrum

Video: Kelly Frontroth

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Volunteers Next Week

Pulpit Assistant: Lyn VanDervort

Ushers: Maureen Dunn, Debbi Reboul,
Elsie Worpell, Elaine Barnes

Sound: Larry Hinson

Video: TBA

JaM Director: Lyn VanDervort

Internet Safety Class!

Do you know how to identify suspicious emails, texts, comments, and links? Come & find out!

- Sunday, Sept. 29 at 11:30am, or
- Sunday, Oct. 6th at 11:30am.

Register no later than September 15th by visiting tinyurl.com/SAPCWifiSafety, or reaching out to Carina McGee in the narthex or at media@southaiken.org.

PRIVACY OF CONTACT INFORMATION

If you wish for your phone number and/or address to be withheld from any printed publication which may be seen by the public, please contact Monica at secretary@southaiken.org or (803-648-9574) to let your wishes be known.

SAPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 18th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
9:00a - JaM Practice (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Diaconate Meeting (Library)
12:00p - Admin & Stewardship Meeting (via Zoom)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)

Monday, August 19th

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
5:30p - LIFT Meeting (Case Bella)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Tuesday, August 20th

10:15a - SAPK Music Class - 3K (Library)
10:50a - AFPK Music Class - 4K (Library)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
4:30p - Belles Canto (Music Room)
5:00p - Property Meeting (Library)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Scouts Meeting (Rm 205)

Wednesday, August 21st

8:45a - SAPK Music Class (Library)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)
7:00p - Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, August 22nd

8:50a - SAPK Chapel (Sanctuary)
12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
1:30p - Prayer Shawl (Library)
2:00p - Pickle Ball (Gym)
4:00p - Mighty Warriors Basketball (Gym)
4:00p - Aiken Kinderchoir (Fellowship Hall)
6:00p - Grizzlies Basketball (Gym)

Friday, August 23rd

12:00p - Bible Friends (Gym)
5:00p - Beginner Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)
6:00p - Interim. Ukulele Fellowship (Music Rm)

Saturday, August 24th

9:30a - Trinity Quarterly Meeting (Sanctuary & Gym)

Sunday, August 25th

9:00a - Bethel New Test. Sunday School (Library)
9:00a - Presbyterian Cafe (FLC PCR)
9:00a - JaM Practice (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00a - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
2:00p - Pickleball (Gym)
4:00p - Session Meeting (Library)

* FLC - Family Life Center

** PCR - Pastor's Conference Room

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